

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: December 27 - January 3, 2010

Sunday, December 27:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's in Walnut.
- ❖ **No CCD Classes** - Merry Christmas

Thursday, December 31:

- ❖ **New Year's Mass at St. Patrick's, Walnut** at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, January 1:

- ❖ **New Year's Mass at St. Mary's, Avoca** at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 3:

- ❖ **Join Us for Coffee, Rolls and Fellowship** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's. St. Mary's January Group of the Month is asked to stay and take down the Christmas decorations in church after coffee and rolls.
- ❖ **No CCD Class** - Happy New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- √ **CCD Class #8 for 6th -12th grade** is Wednesday, January 6th at St. Mary's from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- √ **CCD Class #13 for PreK-5th grade** is Sunday, Jan. 10th from 9:15-10:15 a.m.
- √ **St. Mary's Finance Committee** meeting is scheduled for Tues., Jan. 12th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **St. Mary's Parish Council** meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- √ **First Communion Parents Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, January 17th at 9:15 a.m.
- √ **Golden Oldies Luncheon** is scheduled for January 19th at the United Church of Avoca.
- √ **CCD Grade 6th -12th** trip to the Creighton Basketball game has been rescheduled from January 13th to Wednesday, February 3rd.

“THANK YOU” to Pam Paulson who does so much work behind the scenes and for helping to make the “Children's Song” a sweet reality on Sunday, December 13th. Thanks to her computer skills we were able to make CD's for the children to use. She also helped with copies and getting notes to parents. She is a great organizer. We are grateful for all her help.

- Charlotte Wise and Sondra Dea

MUSEUM OF RELIGIOUS ARTS has 20,000 square feet of nativities and Christmas trees on display thru January 17th. Hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4:00 p.m. The admission fee is \$5 and that includes all the art and artifacts on display.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: The peer ministry is for widowed, divorced or separated people. This program is designed to start healing the grief associated from the loss. The weekends are January 15-17th and April 16-18th at the St. Thomas More Center in Panora. For information or to register call Cleo Scheidel at 515.221.1371 or Fr. Bob Schoemann at 515.418.1938.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW SHOOTING CONTEST for boys and girls ages 10 - 14 will be at the AHST Elementary School on January 3rd. Any questions or information call Pete Schmidt at (712)343-6952.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please stop and pick up your 2010 tithe envelopes that are in the back of church of both churches.

CREIGHTON COURSE “Theology of the Church and Sacraments” begins January 15th. This is a 3 credit course that begins Friday evening, January 15th and continues for six Saturday sessions. It is part of the Creighton Certificate Programs co-sponsored by the Diocese & Creighton University. For brochures or information go to www.dmdiocese.org.

KEEP PRAYERS AND MINISTRY COMING FOR: Esther Dea, Eileen Denning, Angela “Rock” Brisbois, Mary Kock, Mark Markam, Neal Wingert, Brenda Carroll, Mark Strong, Marie Ryck, Darla Snyder, Meaghan Hunt, Raymond (Bunny) Gubbels, Andy Molnar, Barb Hoffmann, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Peggy Benson, Armond Feauto, Bob Wood, Leona Bladt, Lillie Sue Mace, Nathan Hall, Nancy Blum, Louise Crivaro, Shannon Szadis, Sherman Snyder, Margaret Murphy, Carol Gubbels.

ASSIGNMENTS (Please find your own replacement.): **St. Mary's Liturgy: Fri., Jan. 1st 9:00 a.m.** : Samantha Kloewer, Jacob Martin, Kylie Martin. *Lector:* Rose Bruck. *Euch.* *Ministers:* Carmella Pigneri, Joan Kloewer, Jane True. *Ushers:* Greg Martin, Bernie Schroder. *Gifts:* Chris Martin, Taylor Nagengast. **Sat., Jan. 2nd, 5:30 p.m.:** *Servers:* Michael Berticini, Keagan Holton, Reece Holton. *Lector:* Rhonda Pauley-Holton. *Euch.* *Ministers:* Ann Koster, Bob Hegna, Renee Price. *Ushers:* Terry Berticini, Bernie Schroder. *Gifts:* Mary Berticini & family. **Sun., Jan. 3rd, 8:00 a.m.** *Servers:* Darrian Irlbeck, Alexis Irlbeck, Taylor Becker. *Lector:* Doug Brown. *Euch.* *Ministers:* Tony Wingert*, Jamie Coon, Ron Kenkel. *Ushers:* Eugene Wageman, Dean Ptacek. *Gifts:* Linda Wageman, Jamie Ptacek.

St. Patrick's Liturgy: Thurs., Dec. 31st, 5:30 p.m. *Servers:* Lucas Blum, Haley Blum. *Lector:* Cindy Gross. *Euch* *Ministers:* Julie Gross, Cindy Gross, Lou Totilas. *Ushers:* Nick Hoffmann, Charlie Hughes. *Gifts:* Tom Russmann Family. **Sun., Jan. 3rd, 10:30 a.m.** *Servers:* Eli Holtz, Grace Russmann. *Lector:* Jane Hayes-Johnk. *Euch* *Ministers:* Jim Hoffmann, Jane Hayes-Johnk, Charlie Hughes. *Ushers:* Bob Gross, Robert Stuart. *Gifts:* Lou Totilas Family. **St. Patrick's Breakfast Schedule: Jan. 10th, Leo Stuart, Marie & Kenny Suhr, Judy & Bob Gross. Jan 24th, Lori & Andy Blum, Betty & Jim Blum, Jo Cable.**